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Office Action Summary

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Michael Komakov

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12 and 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/919,875.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicants' election with traverse of claim 12 in the reply filed 04/03/2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground that claims 12 and 18 are related, the only currently pending claims in this patent application, and that examination of one of the claim will naturally result in the examination of the other of the claim. This is not found persuasive since even both claims recite a method of treating a surface of a member having a plurality of blind holes, each claim describes different processing steps to provide such treatment (producing pulsed changes in the pressure or flow rate of the treatment fluid, as per claim 12 versus reversing flow direction of the treatment fluid, as per claim 18) and therefore the search for the processing steps of claim 12 does not coexist with the search for the processing steps of claim 18. Therefore, the restriction/election of species requirement is still deemed proper and made final.

Claim 18 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

2. Claim 12 is currently examined on the merits. In the reply dated 12/22/2005 claim 12 was amended to introduce the new limitation, reciting "**cyclically** and periodically **producing pulsed changes** in at least one of the pressure and the flow rate of the treatment fluid..."

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

4. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP01-128548.

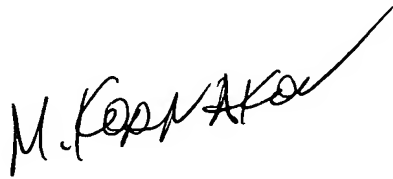
JP'548 teaches treating a recess 9 (reads on the "blind hole", as instantly claimed), formed within the member 5, the recess includes an open end, a closed end and interior surfaces. The treating of recess includes circulating a solution 21 through a closed processing chamber 20 at a pressure and flow rate; contacting the opening of the recess with the solution; cyclically producing pulsed changes in pressure/flow rate of the solution 21 (Fig 2), circulating through the closed processing chamber (Fig. 1). The teaching of JP'548 does not specifically indicate treatment of a member, having a plurality of recesses. However, since mere duplication of the essential parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art, as per *St. Regis Paper Co. v. Bemis Co.*, 193 USPQ 8., one skilled in the art would have found obvious to utilize a treatment approach of JP'548 in order to treat the member with multiple recesses with the reasonable expectation of success.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Kornakov whose telephone number is (571) 272-1303. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr can be reached on (571) 272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Michael Kornakov
Primary Examiner
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